

What is RI Reads?

RI Reads is a statewide effort to be sure that Rhode Island third graders can read at grade level. The effort is a partnership among the United Way of Rhode Island, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT, Rhode Island Children's Cabinet, schools, community partners, businesses, and families.



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Why is Reading Important?

Reading helps kids succeed in the future. Reading is fun, and it is also an important skill to help kids grow and learn.

If a child can read well in third grade, he or she will usually do well in other subjects as he or she grows up.

Students who do not read at grade level by the end of third grade are **four times more likely** to drop out of high school.

How Kids Learn to Read



Getting kids ready to read starts as soon as they are born. Babies and toddlers start working on future reading skills by learning the language you speak at home, talking with other people, and using books.

As kids get older, they learn to recognize letters, sound out words, make sentences, and read whole books.

Family, teachers, friends, and neighbors can help kids enjoy reading. Kids love reading when it is fun and rewarding!

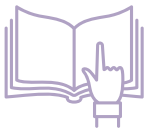
What Can You Do?

Families are their kids' first teachers. Helping children to read does not need to take a lot of time. There are many fun and easy ways to help children.



As soon as your child is born, make time to talk, read, and sing to your child every day. Read in whatever language you speak at home.

Create reading routines. Read a bedtime story. Read recipes and food labels while you make meals. Read street signs and traffic signs while you are driving.



During the summer, join summer reading programs at your local library. If students don't keep reading during summer vacation, they can forget a lot of what they learn in school.



Let your children see you read. Children usually copy what adults do.

Visit the library in your neighborhood to borrow books and join story time sessions.



Other things you can do to help children be healthy, happy readers:



Visit the doctor regularly for check-ups, and schedule developmental screenings during well visits.



Enroll your child in high-quality child care and Pre-K.



Get your child to school on time, every day.